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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CONSUL GENERAL DEXTER'S REPORT
ON HIS SECOND MEETING WITH LUIS MAGALHAES LINS ON APRIL 1.

QUOTE

1. I CALLED ONDMAGALHAES LINS THIS AFTERNOON AND CONVEYED
YOUR MESSAGE. HE LISTENED CAREFULLY WITH EVIDENT SATISFACTION
AND SAID HE WOULD INFORM SIMONSEN.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, MAGALHAES LINS ASKED WHETHER
I THOUGHT SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE THE
INITIATIVE IN MENTIONING NUCLEAR ISSUE SHOULD SIMONSEN FAIL
TO DO SO. HE SAID LATTER HAD "GUARANTEED" THAT HE WOULD AND
MAGALHAES LINS WAS SURE HE WOULD BUT HYPOTHEZIZED THAT SIMONSEN
FOR SOME REASON MIGHT NOT SEE AN APPROPRIATE OPENING IN THE
CONVERSATION. IN THAT EVENT, HE HOPED BLUMENTHAL WOULD ENCOURAGE
HIM BY, FOR EXAMPLE, ASKING SIMONSEN CASUALLY FOR HIS THOUGHTS

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ON THE NUCLEAR PROBLEM. THIS WOULD BE ENOUGH, MAGALHAES
LINS SAID, TO GET SIMONSEN STARTED.

3. IF MAGALHAES LINS IS CORRECT, SIMONSEN SEEMS TO BE VERY
NERVIOUS ABOUT THIS GAMIT AND NEEDS ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT HE
CAN GET. ROBERTO CAMPOS, WHO IS RETURNING TO LONDON, HAS
ELECTED TO FLY WITH SIMONSEN AS FAR AS NEW YORK WITH THE

INTENTION OF TALKING TO HIM ALONG THE SAME LINES THAT MAGALHAES LINS HAS IN ORDER TO FURTHER BOLSTER SIMONSEN'S NERVE. ROBERTO CAMPOS SUPPOSEDLY DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT SIMONSEN'S LAST CONVERSATION WITH GEISEL ABOUT THE APPARENT NEW OPENING ON THE NUCLEAR MATTER BUT IS THINKING ALONG THE SAME LINES. HE TOO IS ENCOURAGING SIMONSEN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS WASHINGTON VISIT TO CREATE A POLITICAL OPENING.

4. MAGALHAES LINS CALLED ATTENTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AT VILA MILITAR YESTERDAY, EMPHASIZING THE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS REMARKS ABOUT RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS ADDITIONAL AND CLENCHING EVIDENCE, SAID MAGALHAES LINS, THAT THE PRESIDENT REALLY IS DETERMINED TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

5. I ASKED MAGALHAES LINS WHETHER HE THOUGHT RECENT INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WERE EFFECTED BY OR WOULD EFFECT THE FUTURE HANDLING OF ISSUES BETWEEN US AND BRAZIL. HE SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN AND WOULD NOT BE ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE TWO AREAS. HE MENTIONED A SCHOOL OF THOUGHT THAT THE MDB CHALLENGE TO THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED INDIRECTLY BY CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY BUT DENIED THE THEORY'S VALIDITY. FURTHER, THERE WILL BE NO SIDE EFFECTS ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECESS, ETC., EXCEPT TO THE POSSIBLE EXTENT THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENTS MAY DIRECT CRITICAL FIRE FROM THE US PRESS. HE STATED WITH ASSURANCE THAT GEISEL WAS ENTIRELY IN CONTROL OF POLICY ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE AND WOULD DO WHAT HE WANTED REGARDLESS OF EPHEMERAL OPPOSITION FROM NATIONALISTIC MILITARY ELEMENTS
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OR ANYONE ELSE.

6. WITH REGARD TO SILVEIRA'S MISREPRESENTATION OF DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S STATEMENTS, MAGALHAES LINS REITERATED THAT SIMONSEN HAD STATED THE FACTS CLEARLY TO GEISEL, INCLUDING HIS CONVICTION THAT YOU WERE RIGHT.

7. MAGALHAES LINS IS VERY ANXIOUS THAT THE SIMONSEN VISIT SUCCEED IN OPENING A NEW LINE OF COMMUNICATION "EVEN IF UNDERGROUND" BETWEEN THE USG AND THE GOB AND IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SIMONSEN'S PROSPECTS. HE EMPHASIZED AGAIN, HOWEVER, THAT THE FORMULA WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND TO MAKE "HONORABLE" GEISEL'S MODIFICATION OF POSITION ON NPT.

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